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After reading an article in Wired Online, I decided to make a few comments about the proposed CAPS rules.

I strongly believe that these rules will be grossly ineffective and place unnecessary burdens, not only on passengers, but airlines.

Terrorists who will want to bomb American passenger planes will surely not use the same identity over and over again. There is nothing to prevent a terrorist from obtaining other identities. They can either steal them from people, or just create fake documents. The FBI has busted many people in the past for doing this. Think about how many more get away with it.

Also, a profile is a poor way to assess whether a person is a terrorist or not. All a profile is, is a stereotype of a certain group of individuals.

Ever since President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore came into power, the only thing we have seen is a constant erosion of personal privacy in this country.

The day is not far, from when George Orwell's 1984 comes true. Or worse yet, when we become like the Borg from StarTrek.

I have no desire to die in a bombing on a plane the next time I fly (which will probably be in about 5 years, after I graduate from college) but the above two examples scare me far more than death. I would take death over that.

Now, the question is, is anyone actually going to read what I have written here?

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